

THEY FEARED  
THE SCANDALBeautiful Young Marchioness  
and Woer Found Dead

## IN HER CONSERVATORY

Another Theory Is That They Were  
Suffocated by Flowers After Being  
Locked into the Building—  
Mother-in-law Arrested.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The beautiful young Marchioness Guglielmina, daughter of one of the wealthiest aristocrats in Rome, and her woer, Signor Spalletti, the rising tenor engaged by Caruso to appear next season in New York, were found dead to-day in the conservatory adjoining her father's villa. They had met there clandestinely. All the doors were found fastened and it is believed that, finding escape impossible without discovery and disgrace, they poisoned themselves. Another theory is that they were suffocated in the close conservatory by the intense fragrance of the flowers. The girl's step-mother has been arrested on the supposition that she locked the pair in. Her marriage to the aged marquis was opposed by the dead girl.

TRAINS CRASHED AND  
FOUR WERE KILLEDDense Fog Was The Immediate Cause  
of Accident on Grand Trunk Line  
at Lenox, Mich., Last Night.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—Speeding through a dense fog at 40 miles an hour, Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5, which left Port Huron shortly before seven o'clock last night for this city, collided head-on with a double-headed freight train, one mile north of Lenox, Mich. Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later. All of the passengers escaped injury except a baby, who was only slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat when the trains crashed.

The dead are:  
Engineer Bennett of the passenger train; Engineer Bohowski of the first freight engine; Fireman Roughter, Fireman Albert McCall, Switchman W. G. Taylor.

The passenger locomotive ploughed under the engines of the double-headed and the trainmen were buried in the wreckage. Their bodies were terribly mangled and scalded by the escaping steam.

Engineer Fred Hang and Fireman Washburn of the second freight engine escaped death. Hang was caught in his cab but was taken out unhurt. Washburn jumped and was only slightly injured.

All the dead trainmen lived in Detroit.

INCREASING CORDIALITY  
IN FOREIGN RELATIONSWas Principal Point in Mikado's Speech  
Before The Japanese Peers on Opening Day of Diet Today.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—Stress was laid by the Mikado in a speech before the house of peers at the opening of the Japanese diet today upon the increasing cordiality of the country's foreign relations. The houses will meet formally and briefly and then adjourn for three weeks. The government has so overwhelming a majority in the diet that there will hardly be any controversy over fiscal measures. Even in emigration matters there is no doubt that the government's policy will probably be introduced on account of the proposed increase in taxes, but will unquestionably be voted down.

## MARRIED TODAY.

Clarence L. Smith and Miss Mary Henderson in Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—Clarence L. Smith, treasurer of the Robinson & Edwards Lumber company, and Miss Mary Henderson were married this morning at the home of D. W. Robinson by the Rev. G. Y. Bliss. There was a small company of friends present.

## Reprieve Just in Time.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—Just as the black cap was about to be placed yesterday over the head of Henry Thaxton, a negro, convicted for killing a white man, a telegram from the governor ordering a suspension of the execution for fifteen days, was delivered to the sheriff.

The prisoner raised his hands and exclaimed, "My God, all the prisoners gave a loud cheer and the small crowd of spectators was dismissed as the prisoner was led back to the jail praying and weeping."

## Runaway Match For Co. D.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 28.—Company D won a runaway match from the Company of Lowell here last night, score 70 to 19. Healey and Lew did feature work of the visitors. The team work of the locals was the best of the season. Mathews was high roller with 14 to his credit. East Boston C. L. A. will play a doubleheader here January 1.

## Wants Them Removed.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 28.—Charging neglect of duty and malfeasance, Thomas F. Garvey, formerly foreman of the city health yard, has petitioned Mayor F. W. Farnham to remove from office Chairman William C. Doherty and Secretary Thomas J. Deane of the Lowell board of health.

MRS. EDDY GIVES  
\$1,000,000 TO CAUSEThe Great Amount Will Be Used to Aid  
Needy Followers to Learn The  
Method of Healing.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Details of the plans of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, in relation to the charitable institution which she is to found, are contained in an editorial by Archibald McLellan in the current issue of the Christian Science Sentinel. The editorial says in part:

"Mrs. Eddy has consented that the institution which she proposes to found will bear her name, therefore it will be known as Mary Baker G. Eddy Charitable Fund." The board of directors will be situated in Boston, the recognized headquarters of her church, and in plan and scope this fund will be an educational opportunity by which indigent persons will be taught gratuitously the science of the Christed healings as prescribed by Jesus and as made known through the writings of Mrs. Eddy.

The sum of \$1,000,000 will be devoted to this purpose. Mrs. Eddy's benevolence will be open to all those individuals who are genuinely interested in Christian Science for its truth's sake and who shall present to the board of directors of the fund satisfactory certificates as to their indigence, their religious views and their moral character. The students of Christian Science will be maintained by this fund until such time as the board of directors shall have pronounced them good healers of the body and deliver to them certificates to the effect. The beneficiaries of this fund and the families of those who have families, are to be supported from the income of the fund and the number of students and their families to be supported will depend upon the amount of this income.

Mrs. Eddy has turned this matter over to a prospective board of directors for them to work out the details of the charity. In the meantime no further information upon this subject can be given and no letters of inquiry should be addressed to Mrs. Eddy."

## HAD REMARKABLE CAREER.

Did Charles H. Sager Who Was Born in  
in East Berkshire.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 28.—Charles H. Sager, one of the leading Christian Scientists of the state, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 23 Lowell street, aged 57 years. His death was caused by pneumonia and although very ill for several days he declined the services of a physician until the end. As an exponent of Christian Science Mr. Sager had had a remarkable career, and through him and his example many were converted to the faith.

His interest in Mrs. Eddy's teaching began about 15 years ago. At that time he was a helpless cripple afflicted with rheumatism and had been unable to do any work for five years. He had come to Nashua, and seeing what had been done by the Christian Science faith he concluded to try it, with the result that in a short time he was able to walk and use his hands, where before he could not hold a fork. He had previous to this been in a sanatorium for treatment about a year. The cure effected in his case so encouraged him that he began work and opened a cobbler's shop, which he continued to run until Christmas day, when he was seized by his last illness.

Charles H. Sager was born in East Berkshire, Vt., Aug. 6, 1850, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Newcomb Sager. His early life was spent in Vermont and Canada. He learned the trade of a cabinet maker and for many years plied this trade in Boston. It was while there that he was stricken with rheumatism. He was twice married, his first wife being Mrs. Mattie Bonds of Burlington, Vt., by whom one daughter, Mrs. John P. Wheeler of Nashville, Tenn., survives him. By his recent wife he is survived by three children, Horace C. Sager of South Royalton, Vt.; Miss Isabelle Sager of New York city and Herman C. Sager of Nashua. He is also survived by one son, Mr. Willis H. Otis of Nashua, Vt., by whom one daughter, Mrs. John Danvers, Mass., Luther M. Sager of Nashua and Edward L. Sager of Colchester, Vt.

## NOVELIST EVADES

## POLICE COURT

Again Failed to Show Up When His  
Case Was Called in Indianapolis  
To-day.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—Booth Tarkington evaded the police court to-day for the second time since his set-to with a policeman on Christmas day. When the police court convened, he was sleeping at his home. The court was tolerant and postponed the case until to-day. When Tarkington's name was called this morning, there was no response. The court adjourned without comment, as Tarkington has been released on his own recognizance. A capias signed by the judge will be required to bring him into court, but it is evident that Judge Whallon has no intention of insisting upon his appearance.

## RAILROAD COM. AT NEWPORT.

Decide to Abolish a Dangerous Crossing  
at North Troy.

Newport, Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the state board of railroad commissioners held here yesterday afternoon it was decided to abolish the Manual crossing at North Troy and put in an underpass in accordance with the request of the town of Troy. The Canadian Pacific company desired to be further heard on the question as to whether the new road should go in the same angle as the highway, and the meeting adjourned to January 16.

## FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

Project for Reading Room and Gymnasium in St. Albans.

St. Albans, Dec. 28.—At a public meeting held last evening it was decided to attempt a speedy development of a project for conducting a reading room and gymnasium in this city. Committees were appointed and if the project is carried through it is proposed to organize a co-operative stock company and make stock subscriptions of small amounts.

A NEW CLUE  
IS FOUNDIt's a Locket With Letter "S"  
Engraved On It

## OVER WOMAN'S DEATH

They Are Hunting for Clues to Slayer of  
Handsome and Apparently Well-attacked  
Woman, Whose Nude Body  
Was Found on Thursday.

Harrison, N. J., Dec. 28.—The officers who are working on the case of the murdered woman whose nude body was found Thursday in a swamp here, admitted this morning that they were completely at sea. There are plenty of theories, but no facts. There is talk of a special meeting of the town council to offer a reward for identification of the body. "I have good men on the case and hope to establish the woman's identity some time to-day," said Chief of Police Rogers to-day.

A locket with the letter "S" on it has been picked up near where the body was found. The Newport police this afternoon sent to the Harrison a detective with a boy whose name is Smith. He told the police his mother had been missing for several days and believes she may be the murdered woman.

Evidence has been obtained that the woman was seen in Newark on Christmas eve by William Snyder, a carpenter, who stated after seeing the body that the woman had spoken to him in Newark on the night before Christmas and asked to be directed to a restaurant. He said the woman told him that she was a stranger.

County Physician Converse viewed the body of the woman yesterday afternoon, but did not perform the autopsy which the police hoped would determine whether the woman was drugged or strangled. The body shows no evidence of a struggle.

That the murderer knew the locality where he sought to conceal the body the police assert is evident from the fact that the body was found in a place of access in the daytime and only one who was well acquainted with the neighborhood would attempt to reach the place at night. An undergarment belonging to the woman was found near the Paesie Yacht club yesterday. The garment was slit up the back, the same as the woman's waist which was found with the other clothing on Thursday.

## ELOPING WOMAN

## BACK IN HER HOME

Helen Maloney, or Osborne, Who Run  
Away With Samuel Clarkson, Is  
Back and That Is All Her

Family Will Divulge.  
Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Martin Maloney, yesterday, through a personal friend issued the following statement bearing upon the affairs of Helen Maloney or Mrs. Helen Osborne, who caused a sensation by eloping with Samuel Clarkson, a young Englishman, three months ago, after having married young Osborne, who at the time was a Princeton student.

"Mr. Maloney's daughter, Helen, is with him at the city residence in West Lodge Square. Beyond saying that the rumors about the greenroom condition of his daughter's health are unfounded, neither Mr. Maloney nor any member of his family has anything for publication. No other statement or information will be given out by the Maloney family either now nor in the future."

## GIRL CONFESSED.

To Stealing \$39 from Wallet of Her  
Sewing Instructor.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—One of the girls of the Howard Relief sewing class has confessed to stealing \$39 from the wallet of Mrs. Joseph Morgan, and about \$11 has been recovered. The rest was spent for candy. Mrs. Morgan was teaching the sewing class and the wallet was in the pocket of her coat. Suspicion fell on the girl, and when accused she confessed, saying further that she divided the money with two other girls.

## WATER RATES RAISED.

Water Will Be at a Premium in Swanton  
When New Rates Take Effect.

Swanton, Dec. 28.—At a special village meeting held last evening it was voted to establish a new water rate schedule one third higher than the present rate, and also to raise a tax of 25 per cent. for supply water for fire protection. This action was taken in view of the new water system which is now being installed.

## IN HER 90TH YEAR.

Swanton Woman Was Born in Westford  
in 1809.

St. Albans, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Anna Allen, mother of Rev. E. J. Ranslow of Swanton, died yesterday morning, being in her 90th year. She was born in Westford August 5, 1809. The funeral will be held in the Congregational parsonage Monday afternoon and the burial will be in Milton.

## ST. ALBANS GROCER FAILS.

D. C. Wells Has Debts of \$545.74 and  
Assets of \$340.

St. Albans, Dec. 28.—A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the office of the clerk of the district by Deuben C. Wells of St. Albans, grocer. He has liabilities of \$545.74 and assets of \$340.

MAHAN'S "PEERS"  
FINALLY SELECTEDReal Trial of Bennington Man Accused  
of Murdering Little Girl Will Now  
Proceed—Scenes About The  
Court Room.

Bennington, Dec. 28.—With only eight out of 58 jurors in the special and regular panels remaining uncalled, a jury was finally secured for the trial of the Mahan murder case late yesterday afternoon and court at once adjourned for the night. The jury contains no member from Bennington and but two from adjoining towns. The largest number are from the mountain towns where the details of the murder were not thoroughly discussed. Mahan, although showing evidence of a sleepless night, appeared to have regained control of his nerves and although restless did not break down until late in the afternoon when he again went to pieces.

His father, Thomas Mahan, was in court and conferred frequently with his son's attorney, O. M. Barber, during the drawing of the jury. The parents of the murdered child, Mr. and Mrs. German Mahan of North Bennington, nearly dressed in black, hung about the hallway late in the afternoon but did not enter the court room.

## REFUSED TO PAY.

State Auditor Balked at Supreme Court  
Rent Bill in Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Dec. 28.—Morose F. Graham, the state auditor, who is here on his semi-annual visit settling bills against the state with the county clerk, justice and sheriff, refused yesterday to pay the cost of rent of hall, lease of furniture, etc., incurred at the last session of the Vermont supreme court, held here in November. The bill amounts to \$40.

Sherriff A. H. Thompson secured Grand hall and procured suitable furniture for the use of the members of the bar and judges of the court. This was done at the direction of Attorney General C. C. Pitts and State Attorney R. C. Bacon. In order that the supreme court should be well pleased with its first visit to Brattleboro the hall was well furnished and no expense was spared for necessary conveniences. The notings should be overlooked, Supreme Court Judge James L. Tyler of Brattleboro suggested what was necessary for the sheriff to procure.

Yesterday the bills were to be paid by the sheriff but to his great surprise Mr. Graham refused to hand over the desired check. In his opinion, the state treasury is not the source from which the payment of expenses incurred at the sessions of the supreme court should be paid. He refers the matter to the county judges, saying the county, he believes, where the court is held should foot the bill. At any rate he decided to hold the bill over pending light on the matter.

The question is a new one coming from the change in plans of special sessions of the supreme court. Hitherto Montpelier was the home of the court, but since the new judiciary act was passed the court meets in Rutland, St. Johnsbury, Montpelier and Brattleboro.

## WERE BADLY TREATED.

Chelsea Theatre-goers Held Up Two  
Hours, and Then Stood Up  
During Performance.

Chelsea, Dec. 28.—"Peter Pan" at Randolph Thursday evening was the drawing card which called many Chelsea people. With the exception of one couple, who availed themselves of the early evening train, they drove to South Royalton and took the special train from White River Junction, which like so many other special trains on the C. & V. was held up for repairs for the brief space of two hours, but which finally landed them in Randolph just after the curtain fell following the first scene. One of the cheerful features of the trip was to find the seats which they had engaged, paid for in advance, all taken, and nearly all on the special train found they had "paid the price" for the privilege of standing room.

## NOW RESTS WITH MASTER.

Frank Plumley Will Report Findings on  
Spring Water Cases Next Spring.

A revision of the report of the master, Frank Plumley, in the three cases growing out of the spring water litigation was completed yesterday afternoon, at which time further petitions for findings were heard. The cases involved are City of Barre vs. Boyce & McFarland, City of Barre vs. Perry & Scribner and Perry & Scribner vs. City of Barre. John W. Gordon represented the city and W. A. Boyce, John H. Scribner and John G. Wing appeared for the spring water companies. The drawing up of the final report on the cases will take some time, and it is likely that Mr. Plumley will not present his report to the court before spring. The city sought to enjoin the spring water companies from extending their water mains in the city.

## HALF CENTURY OF DIARY.

George H. Bacon of Berlin Has a Remarkable Record.

George H. Bacon who lives in Berlin has rounded out a century of diary-keeping, having started in 1857 and with the exception of a few days in early life has written something every day either in relation to the weather or to things of personal interest. He says he will not drop the habit now although if he were to live his life over again he would never again write a diary. Ever since he was 17 it has been a daily task.

## WILL BECOME CITIZENS.

Four Men Will Get Their Final Papers  
Next March.

Unless objections are entered before the March term of court, citizenship papers will be granted to the following: Samuel Johnson of Barre, Niles Larsen of Montpelier, Gustaf Aron Gustafson of Montpelier and Alexander Birnie of East Barre. There are eight final papers applications.

REVOLVER  
BY HIS SIDEEugene Osha Killed Himself  
at Randolph To-day

## BY USING A REVOLVER

He Left Papers Giving Directions as  
to the Disposal of His Remains—  
Took Cemetery as Place of  
Suicide.

Randolph, Dec. 28.—The body of Eugene Osha of Waltham, Mass., was discovered by Charles Hibbard early this morning lying near the door of the tomb in Southview cemetery. In his pockets were papers giving directions as to the disposal of his remains, and at his side was the revolver with which he ended his life. The ball had entered the right temple.

The dead man was 40 years of age. He formerly lived in this vicinity, on Fish Hill. Later he lived in Detroit, where he worked as a barber. Eight years ago he left and nothing was seen of him hereabouts until he came to town on the afternoon express yesterday. He was seen about the town quite late last night. He probably went to the cemetery shortly after that and fired the shot. Death was instantaneous. He had two children buried in the cemetery, where he decided to end his life. In the directions which he left as to the disposal of his body, he asked that it be put in the tomb and then buried next spring in his family lot.

A letter, sealed, stamped and directed to his wife, was also found in his clothing. It is understood that he and his wife have not been living together. He leaves his parents in Braintree and seven brothers, two of whom reside in Randolph.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. C. M. WINCH

Was Held from the Congregational  
Church This Afternoon.

The funeral services of Mrs. C. M. Winch were held at 1:30 this afternoon at the Congregational church and were attended by a large number of the friends of the deceased and business associates of Mr. Winch. Rev. Francis A. Poole officiated at the funeral and vocal selections were given by Miss Harris and Mrs. Braley. The bearers, who were all relatives of the family, were Rev. G. W. Winch of Barre, Dr. J. H. Winch of Northfield, S. W. Winch of Northfield and W. F. Bradford of this city. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, forming a large bank around the casket.

## BURIED BESIDE HUSBAND.

Mrs. Jane Eastman, Second Member of  
Family to Die of Measles.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Eastman from her home in the Premier building on Green street, Capt. E. Smith of the Salvation Army officiating. The burial was made in Hope cemetery, beside her husband, who was buried yesterday. The bearers were Donald Munroe, Samuel Bennett, William Holden and Frank Johnson.

## BURIED IN HOPE CEMETERY.

Miss Annie S. Anderson's Funeral Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Miss Annie S. Anderson was held at one o'clock yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents on Hill street. Rev. W. C. MacIntyre officiated. The bearers were Alex. Watt, William Robertson, James Roberson, Sidney Gibson, John Davidson and William Daniels, all former schoolmates or friends of Miss Anderson. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

## A Funeral in Montpelier.

The Masons' and Bricklayers' union sent flowers for the funeral of Fred Brown which was held yesterday afternoon at his late home on Harrison avenue in Montpelier. The Rev. Dr. J. Edward Wright officiated. The bearers were Augustine Shambo, Eugene Buck, Joseph Brown and Joseph F. Labershire. The body was placed in the tomb at Green Mount cemetery.

## Death of Little Girl.

The death of Mildred, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lesperance, occurred at 11:45 last night at their home on Beacon street after a three weeks' illness with typhoid fever. The remains will be taken to St. Albans Monday, where the funeral will be held and interment made.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during our beloved daughter's illness and at her death; also for the many beautiful floral tributes. Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson and family.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

C. H. Sawyer is demonstrating Lenox keeneess at the Smith & Cummings store. If your eyes smart or feel bad when you attempt to read in the evening, it means that they need attention. You can get the right kind of treatment at L. F. Austin's, the "watch and clock man."

## PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH.

Was Advice of Massachusetts Labor  
Man to Barre Central Labor Union.

J. W. Wall, vice-president of the Massachusetts state branch of the American Federation of Labor, was present at the regular meeting of the Central Labor union last evening and gave an address on the union label and the labor movement in general. Mr. Wall stated that he had been a union man for 16 years and that his present mission was the advertising of union label goods.

He spoke especially of tobacco, saying that 90 per cent. of the tobacco used in the country was manufactured by unfair labor, and worse than that a great portion was made by child labor. He said that a great many of the tobaccos in common use were adulterated and contained opium.

The A. F. of L. was the first organization to attempt to stop the employment of child labor and that it had succeeded in some places. Patronize only union goods and in a short time we will find that we are making our men and women in the schools and not in the factories, as is true in too many instances. If the union men would only practice what they preach, it would soon be an easy matter to put the trust-made goods into the shade of oblivion and the ranks of unionism would increase and grow stronger accordingly.

## A FAREWELL BANQUET

In Which Coon, Rabbit and Words Were  
Served Up Hot.

James E. Welch, who has been acting as manager of Diverse's wine store for several months, was tendered a farewell reception at the Northern hotel last evening, the occasion being given on the eve of his departure for Hartford, Conn. When Mr. Welch was invited to the hotel's private dining room, he was surprised to find friends to the number of about 40 gathered there, apparently awaiting his coming. A banquet was served during the evening, which was a little out of the ordinary, the meats being coon and rabbit, done to a nicety and served on toast.

Fred S. Bruce and P. F. McCarthy acted as joint toastmasters of the evening and what Bruce couldn't think of McCarthy did, and all the members of the company responded with appropriate remarks. The popularity which Mr. Welch has come to enjoy during his short stay in the city was shown by the fact that he was presented a purse of gold containing \$50, the presentation being made by P. F. McCarthy. Mr. Welch, although taken unawares, responded in a fitting manner and thanked the friends for their esteem.

## CHANGE OF PLEA.

Pietro Galli Went Into Court To-day  
and Paid a Fine.

Pietro Galli, who last Tuesday gave himself up to the police, who were looking for him for an alleged assault upon G. Frattini Sunday night, pleaded guilty in the city court this morning to a simple breach of the peace charge, and was fined \$10 with costs of \$10.30, which he paid. Frattini was the man who rushed into the police station Sunday night and claimed that Alessandro Colombo and Galli had attacked him on Blackwell street for some reason unknown to him. He further made the startling statement that Colombo had fired three shots at him from a revolver and that Galli jumped at him with an ugly looking knife, but he escaped any injury by taking to his heels.

Colombo was arrested that evening by Officer Carle and on Tuesday morning Galli appeared at the police station and surrendered himself. When arraigned in court both men pleaded not guilty to the charges of breach of the peace and were placed under \$300 bonds, which they furnished.

## ABUSIVE BEGGAR

Is Charge Brought Against Man Arrested  
This Afternoon.

A man who gave his name as Thomas Murphy of Bay City, Michigan, was arrested at about two o'clock this afternoon by Officer Carle. When arrested the man was on North Main street and complained was ordered to the police that he had been begging money and cigarettes, and when refused he had used abusive language. The man has been hanging around the city for several days and was trying to work the people by pretending to have a lame hand.

## CITY TO ERECT TABLET.

In Memory of Joel Foster Who Was  
Montpelier's Water Superintendent.

A bronze tablet is to be placed on the Joel Foster monument in Green Mount cemetery has been ordered by the Montpelier city council in compliance with a vote taken at its last annual city meeting. It was thought after the monument was erected in Green Mount cemetery that the inscription thereon did not give in detail what ought to have been there in connection with Mr. Foster's labors in establishing the Montpelier water works. The inscription on the bronze tablet will have reference to this and will correct an error in the date of Mr. Foster's death which is now on the monument. The cost of this tablet will be about \$75.

## LODGE AND SOCIETY

Elections and Good Time Held in Wil-  
liamstown Organizations.

Williamstown, Dec. 28.—Williamstown Lodge, I. O. O. F., held its annual election of officers last evening, and the following were chosen: Noble grand, E. Skine Rowell; V. G., Hayden Jeffords; secretary, C. M. Edson; treasurer, H. S. Drury; trustee, Melvin Burnham.

Practically Rebekah lodge held its annual election Thursday evening, with the following result: Noble grand, Lillian Jeffords; V. G., Georgia Canning; secretary, Charles Edson; treasurer, Jennie Drury.

C. L. Bissett of Richmond was a business visitor in the city to-day.

20TH BANQUET  
ON ST. JOHN'SSuccessful Celebration by the  
Foreign Masons.

## DANCING ENDED JOLLIY

Among the Participants Eli T. Rice, Who  
Has Not Missed One of the Series  
of Celebrations in Twenty  
Years.

The twentieth annual Masonic assembly in celebration of St. John's night was held last evening in the Woodmen's hall in the Holister block and was one of the most enjoyable and successful celebrations ever held by the foreign Masons of Barre. Over one hundred Masons with their wives or lady friends were seated at four long tables arranged lengthways of the hall, and on the stage was a small table, at which were seated the master of ceremonies and officers and invited guests from the Granite lodge of Barre. George T. Troup was the master of ceremonies and the others at this table were Mrs. William Park; John C. Wyllie, worshipful master of Granite lodge, No. 35, and Miss Eva McMillan; Arthur C. Tilden, senior warden of Granite lodge, and Mrs. Tilden; Eli T. Rice, the "grand old man" in Masonry in Barre, and Alonzo T. Clark, chaplain of Granite lodge.

As soon as all had been seated at the tables, Mr. Troup extended a hearty welcome to the company in behalf of the foreign Masons. He said there were about eighty-five members of Operative Masons from the mother lodge in Scotland now residing in Barre, and he declared it was a great pleasure to him to be able to state for the first time that nearly all of the eighty-five were in good standing in the lodge. These celebrations of St. John's night, he said, were first started 20 years ago by Robert Kynock, and it was one of the aims of these occasions to keep the foreign Masons here, whose numbers have been continually increasing, interested and in good standing with the mother lodge.

The toastmaster then announced a very enjoyable program of songs, songs and recitations. Rising toasts were drunk to the Grand lodge of Scotland, the president of the craft, and to the Grand lodge of Vermont. After a pleasing song by William Sheriffs, Senior Warden Arthur C. Tilden in very appropriate remarks proposed a toast to Operative lodge, No. 159, and then called upon James Scott to respond. Mr. Scott responded by giving a report on the mother lodge showing that it was in a prosperous financial condition and has over 200 members. Mrs. Peter Mutch recited two humorous selections and a vocal solo was given by Mrs. George Troup, Jr., both of which were enjoyed.

James S. Milne then proposed a toast to Granite lodge, No. 35, and Worshipful Master John C. Wyllie responded in a very interesting manner, extending the fraternal greetings of the lodge and giving a brief account of the origin of the feast of St. John, the evangelist. William Oliver gave a solo and responded to an encore. A poem dedicated to St. John was read by Chaplain A. T. Clark.

W. S. Alexander next proposed a toast to the health of Mr. Rice, who, in responding, stated that he had been present at the first celebration 20 years ago and that it had been his pleasure to attend every one since.

This concluded the program, and the ladies served a bounteous banquet, to which full justice was done, and at midnight the tables were cleared from the hall and dancing was in order for the remainder of the night. The grand march was led by toastmaster Troup and Mrs. William Park, followed by 100 couples. Excellent music was furnished by Bruce's orchestra of six pieces. James R. Counts was floor director, assisted by William Jones and Hugh Christie.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

Was Held at the Church of the Good  
Shepherd Last Evening.

On last evening the Sunday school of the Church of the